

**Types of Licenses and Permits:** All licenses and permits that can be used in a hunting district are listed in the regulations for that hunting district. Licenses and permits that can be used in a hunting district are grouped by license/permit type (general, special license, special permit, antlerless elk license, etc.) and whether they are available for purchase from FWP License Providers or through the special drawing only.

- **Conservation License:** Prerequisite for all resident and nonresident licenses. Includes the state lands recreation license (for hunting, fishing and trapping purposes).
- **General License:** Resident general licenses may be purchased from any License Provider, including online at fwp.mt.gov. They are available to all residents and may be used throughout the state according to the regulations. Nonresidents may apply for/purchase general licenses specified for nonresidents in the Licenses Available Chart. Please refer to the hunting district regulations to see how, when and where a general license may be used in each hunting district or portion of a hunting district.
- **Deer A License –** The deer A license is Montana's general deer-hunting license valid for one deer. Hunters may purchase only one deer A license. It can be used as indicated under the "General Deer A License" heading on the Deer & Elk Hunting Districts pages of these regulations.
- **Deer B license –** valid for one deer during a specific time period, or for a certain species and sex, and in a particular hunting district or group of districts. May be offered through a special drawing or over-the-counter.
- **General Elk License –** Montana's general elk-hunting license valid for one elk. Hunters may purchase only one general elk license. It can be used for elk as indicated under the "General Elk License" heading on the Deer & Elk Hunting Districts pages of these regulations.
- **Elk A9/B12 License –** The A9 (resident) and B12 (nonresident) license is an antlerless elk license. A Conservation License is the required prerequisite.
- **Special License:** Special licenses are generally available through the Special Drawing. It allows you to hunt in an otherwise restricted area or time period, usually for a specific sex and age class of animal. A special license generally (but not always) allows you to harvest an additional animal over and above the one you may harvest with your general license.
- **Special Deer or Elk Permit:** The permit must be used with a specific hunting license. A permit is not a second license and does not allow the holder to kill an additional animal. Rather, it expands the opportunity to hunt for a species in a particular hunting district.
- **Replacements:** If your original license(s) is lost, stolen or destroyed, a replacement license may be issued by most license providers. A replacement fee will be charged. You will also be asked to swear or affirm to a statement that you have lost the license(s). If the original license(s) is found, it must be returned to FWP. A second replacement license for the same species within a two-year period requires that you go to an FWP office. A third replacement license for the same species within a two-year period is not permitted.

## SuperTag Lottery

- Resident and nonresident hunters can buy an unlimited number of \$5 chances to win a Montana hunting license for antelope, bighorn sheep, bison, deer, elk, moose, mountain goat and mountain lion.
- An individual may be successful in winning one or a combination of these SuperTags per year.
- Each SuperTag license allows one to hunt in any Montana hunting district valid for that species.
- Moose, bighorn sheep and mountain goat 7-year waiting period does not apply to SuperTags.
- Chances are sold electronically at all FWP License Providers or via the Internet.
- Proceeds from the sale of SuperTag chances will enhance public hunting access and boost FWP enforcement efforts.
- For more information visit FWP's website at fwp.mt.gov.

Species	Deadline to Purchase SuperTag Chances @ \$5 each
Antelope	July 31
Bighorn Sheep	July 3
Bison	July 31
Deer	July 31
Elk	July 31
Moose	July 3
Mountain Goat	July 3
Mountain Lion	July 31



## Availability of Licenses and Permits

### Deadlines:

- Applications, as well as some general licenses, and many special licenses and permits, have purchase or application deadlines. The Licenses Available Chart provides details.
- Applications are available at License Providers or may be downloaded from the FWP website. Nonresidents may call 406-444-2950 to request an application through the mail.
- You may have your application entered directly into the system at an FWP office or you may mail in your application. If the application is mailed, it must be postmarked no later than the deadline date. The postmark must be an official U.S. Postal Service mark. A postage meter postmark cannot be accepted.
- FWP encourages hunters to apply for special permits/licenses online as safeguards will not accept incomplete applications. Also, your information is remembered for future purchases or license applications.
- Licenses/permits that have a purchase deadline have to be purchased no later than the deadline date.

**Special Licenses and Permits:** You may apply for a special permit and/or license that allows you to hunt in an otherwise restricted area or time period. You may also decide to participate in the bonus point system.

Residents must hold a general deer A license before using a special deer permit purchased over-the-counter or awarded through the special drawings. Residents must hold a general elk license before applying for a special elk permit.

Nonresidents must hold a Big Game Elk/Deer or Deer Combination License before applying for a special deer permit. Nonresidents must hold a Big Game Elk/Deer or Big Game Elk Combination License before applying for a special elk permit.

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**Special Elk Licenses and Permits****Antlerless Elk License**

- The A9 (resident) and B12 (nonresident) license is valid for taking an antlerless elk in certain areas. The A9/B12 elk licenses are designed to control elk numbers and many are only valid on private land.
- A limited A9/B12 license is obtained only through the special drawing and has a deadline date to apply for. Unlimited A9/B12 licenses have no limit on the number of licenses sold and are available from License Providers, including FWP Online Licensing. See individual hunting districts for details.
- The only prerequisite for the A9 and/or B12 antlerless elk license is a conservation license.
- Each hunter may possess only one A9 or B12 license per license year in addition to a general elk license.
- Limited A9 (resident) and B12 (nonresident) elk licenses:** A9 and B12 license hunting opportunities may be restricted to portions of individual hunting districts. See individual hunting districts for specific.
  - R 2** 283-02, 283-20 and 298-80 (valid in HDs 290 and 298)
  - R 3** 300-80, 312-80, 314-80, 320-80 (valid in HDs 320 and 333), 322-80 (valid in HDs 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327 and 330), 328-80, 390-80 and 398-80 (valid in HDs 360 and 362)
  - R 4** 004-80 (valid in R4 HDs except HDs 401, 410, 411, 412, 417, 420, 422, 441, 442 448, 450 and 455), 411-80 (valid in HDs 411, 511 and 530), 417-80, 422-80 and 442-80
  - R 5** 411-80 (valid in HDs 411, 511 and 530), 540-80, 560-80, 580-80, 590-80 and 590-81
  - R 6** 622-80 (valid in HDs 620 and 622), 690-80 (valid in HDs 680 and 690)
- Unlimited A9 (resident) and B12 (nonresident) elk licenses:**
  - R 2** 002-80 valid in hunting districts 201, 203, 260, 283, 290, and 292.
  - R 3** 315-80 valid in hunting districts 315 and 393.

**Special Youth Elk Hunts**

- Youth 12-15 years of age may hunt elk as listed in the specific hunting district regulations without applying for a special elk permit through the drawing in the following hunting districts. Be sure to check specific hunting district regulations as youth hunting opportunities in some of the districts listed below may not include either-sex or antlered bull elk.

<b>R 1</b>	100	101	102	103	104	109	110	120	121
	122	123	124	130	132	140	141	150	151
<b>R 2</b>	200	201	202	203	204	210	211	212	213
	214	215	216	240	250	261	270	280	281
	283	285	291	292	293				
<b>R 3</b>	301	310	311	313	316	318	319	329	331
	332	335	339	340	341	343			
	350	360	361	362	370	380	391	392	
<b>R 4</b>	401	403	412	415	417	426	441	447	
<b>R 5</b>	520	560							
- Elk permits only for youth 12-15 years of age to hunt elk as listed in the specific hunting district regulations are offered in 282-20, 313-12, 621-00 (valid in HDs 620, 621 and 622), 631-01 (valid in HDs 630, 631 and 632), and 690-00 (valid in HDs 680 and 690). To qualify, the applicant must:
  - be 12-15 years of age.
  - show proof of hunter education.
  - be accompanied by an adult and/or guardian who is at least 18 years of age.
- Youth that are 15 years of age at the start of the general season, October 26, are eligible to hunt in the Special Youth Hunt areas even if they turn 16 years of age during the season.

**Special Elk Permits.** Hunters who receive a special permit to hunt antlerless elk valid during all or any portion of the General Season are restricted during the General Season and Archery Only Season to harvest only an antlerless elk in the district or portion of a district for which the permit is valid. This restriction applies for the entire General and Archery Only seasons, even if the permit is valid for only a portion of the season.

However, permit holders can hunt elk in all other elk hunting districts, or other portions of the district where the permit is not valid (except those districts or portions of district restricted to "hunting by special license or permit only"), with their general elk license and following those district's or portions of district's specific regulations.

In other words, holders of an antlerless elk permit cannot harvest an antlered bull elk in the hunting district or portion of hunting district where the permit is valid.

**24-hour Closure**

- In Administrative Region 2, elk HD250 and HD270 and in Administrative Region 3, a portion of elk HD 313, may be subject to 24-hour closure for the antlerless portion of the general either-sex or brow-tined bull/antlerless elk season, if the antlerless quota is reached in HD250 and HD270 OR if there is a large early migration of elk from Yellowstone Park in HD313. If the antlerless quota is reached, the general season will revert to the bull regulation only until the end of the general season. Contact Region 2 and/or Region 3 Headquarters for updates.

**12-hour Closure**

- In Administrative Region 4, elk HD424 and HD442 may be subject to 12-hour closure for the antlerless portion of the general brow-tined bull or antlerless elk season, if the antlerless quota is reached. If the antlerless quota is reached, the general season will revert to only the brow-tined bull regulation until the end of the general season. Contact Region 4 Headquarters for updates.

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Please practice these principles when recreating  
in our great outdoors.

1. Plan Ahead and Prepare
2. Travel and Camp on Durable Surfaces
3. Dispose of Waste Properly
4. Leave What You Find
5. Minimize Campfire Impacts
6. Respect Wildlife
7. Be Considerate of Other Visitors

